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SUBJECT: TITLE II SECTION 206 NFDM PROGRAM IN PHILIPPINES

1. OFFICIALS OF NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY MET WITH STATE, AID AND USDA REPRESENTATIVES JANUARY 6 SEEKING STATUS OF PRESENT PROGRAM AND CLARIFICATION OF SOME ASPECTS WHICH ARE TROUBLING NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS IN MANILA AND WELLINGTON. THEY ALSO REITERATED THEIR CONCERN RE IMPACT OF PROGRAM ON NEW ZEALAND'S COMMERCIAL MARKET. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WERE: HOW THE MILK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED, WHO HAS OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY, WHAT IS ROLE OF CENTRAL BANK, AT WHAT PRICE WILL MILK BE SOLD, IS US CONSIDERING INCREASING PROGRAM. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. US REVIEWED GENESIS OF PROGRAM EXPLAINING IT IS STILL ON TRACK, ALTHOUGH IMPLEMENTATION DELAYED DUE NUMBER FACTORS SUCH AS WORKING OUT PROCEDURES UNDER THIS NEW AUTHORITY OF PL 480, AND ASSURING THAT CCC-OWNED NFDM STOCKS MET STANDARDS OF PHILIPPINE DAIRY TRADE. WE POINTED OUT THAT ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH WE CONSULTED

WITH THEM LAST SUMMER WOULD BE EXTENDED INTO CY 1977 AND THAT WHEN PHILIPPINE IMPORT DATE FOR CY 1976 IS AVAILABLE, WE WOULD REVIEW UMR AND ADVISE THEM IF DIFFERENT LEVEL IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. WE NOTED OUR VIEW THAT REVISED DELIVERY SCHEDULE WOULD IMPACT LESS ON MARKET THAN THAT

ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. NEW ZEALANDERS RESPONDED THAT THEIR COMMERCIAL PEOPLE IN MANILA NOW FEEL THE L0,000 MT CAN BE ABSORBED WITHOUT DISRUPTING COMMERCIAL MARKET. HOWEVER, THEY AGAIN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PHILIPPINE MARKET TO NEW ZEALAND AND CONCERN THAT NEW ZEALAND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

- 3. ON SPECIFIC PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONS. WE DETAILED SECTION 206 PROCEDURES AS SET OUT IN PROPOSED TA. WE NOTED THAT US IS NOT NOW CONSIDERING AN INCREASE IN THE PROGRAM. WE WERE UNABLE TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF ANY CENTRAL BANK ROLE.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: ALTHOUGH NEW ZEALANDERS SEEMED SATISFIED WITH DISCUSSION, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON STATUS OF PROGRAM WHICH YOU THINK WOULD BE USEFUL TO THEM AND, SPECIFICALLY, COMMENT ON ROLE OF CENTRAL BANK, IF ANY. WOULD ALSO REQUEST YOU FORWARD CY 1976 IMPORT DATA AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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